

Phil<sup>a</sup>. Sept. 1. 1813

To the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Gentlemen.

At your request we proceed to lay before you a communication, giving a view of our reception at Phil<sup>a</sup> - the way in which our time has been spent here - our expenditures & receipts, & our present situation & prospects.

Our reception here was as agreeable as we could have desired, & more so than we had reason to expect. We found on our arrival that the Professors of the Med. Inst. had taken a formal vote to admit us to their Lect. Grates; & on calling upon them, they treated us with great politeness, & expressed much satisfaction in having it in their power to serve us & the Board. They have ever since treated us with much kindness, & some of them with marked attention - We have found many pious friends here who are disposed to favor the object in which we are engaged; & some who take a deep interest in the cause of Missions - especially Mr Ralston with whose worth you are well acquainted - He has been indeed to us a counsellor & a friend. We have much reason for gratitude towards the Author of all mercies for his kindness in giving us friends, & granting us favors which we have by no means deserved.

We have endeavoured to make Medicine the first object of our attentions - During the first four months, or during the Lectures almost the whole of our attention was given to it, as we only preached occasionally.

After the Lectures closed we were employed in a Mission by the Society in this city to labor in the Town & vicinity.

in which we agreed to do the duties of one Missionary, & were to receive fifty Dollars per Month - In this Mission we are still engaged. We were also employed to supply a vacant Congregation in the City, which we supplied almost three months - Besides these we have preached occasionally in other societies here, so that our time has been much divided between preaching & study of Medicine - Tho we have not had so much time to study as we have been desirous yet the practice of the Hospital which we had the privilege of attending at all times, has been of much service to us -

With regard to our expenses since we left Mass. they have been in all ~~600.00~~ <sup>600.00</sup> ~~510.00~~

Our Receipts have been - Of the Board before we left Mass. - \$ 140.00

Of Mrs. Ralston in behalf of the Board - 135.00  
For our services here - 400.00

Of their expenditures & Receipts Bro. Richards have been -

Expenditures - For journey here - \$ 23.63 1/2  
For board - 147.42 1/2  
For cloathing & washing - 74.78 1/2  
For Books & Stationary - 71.00  
For other expenses together - 27.95

Receipts - of the Board - \$ 70.00  
of Mrs. Ralston - 62.00  
For services - 222.17

Bro. Warren's have been - Expenditures  
For journey here - \$ 28.84 1/2  
For board - 147.42 1/2  
For cloathing & washing - 73.78 1/2  
For Books & Stationary - 15.61  
For other expenses - 26.46

Receipts { of the Board - \$ 70.00  
of Mrs. Ralston - 73.00  
For services - 158.00

Of our present situation & prospects we are happy to state that in many respects they are prosperous & flattering - For one or two months past we have been in a situation to spend more time in the study of Medicine than for some months

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& Doct<sup>r</sup> Henson, Davis, & Billings, of the Med<sup>l</sup> profession,  
& Doct<sup>r</sup> Stoughton, Rogers, & Mr Patterson, Prof. in  
the Pen<sup>s</sup> College; & others for that of the A. House.

Dr Richards will be entitled to most of the  
Lectures, gratis, in consequence of his being in the H.

Whether Dr W. will also be entitled to the same  
privilege, we have not yet ascertained, but we  
have just received a note from Mr Ralston, in  
which he states, that Dr Dorsy assures him, that  
he has no doubts Dr W. will be admitted to them  
gratis, without the least hesitation.

The Committee will doubtless be surprised not  
to see Mr Ralston & Doct. Dorsy among the number  
of our friends, who were active in obtaining the  
last situation for us; but the latter was judged  
to recommend one of his students for this place,  
& this young man was the son of a relation, & par-  
ticular friend of the former; so that they did not  
feel at liberty to act publicly in our favor;  
what they would cheerfully have done, if circumstan-  
ces had been different. In consequence of the  
duties which will devolve upon us we shall be obliged  
to give up the Missions, but we hope our expenses  
will not be very great for the year to come.

We wish to observe that should an oppor-  
tunity present of going out on the Missions & the Board  
should it be advisable to embrace it within the  
time for which we are engaged - we think there will  
be no serious difficulty in obtaining a release, as  
there are many who wd be glad to take our  
places -

With sentiments of Affection & Esteem  
we subscribe ourselves yours &c

P. S. We should have written sooner but we  
waited for the decision of the Managers of the }  
A House it was not until this Eve - } Edw<sup>d</sup> Mason

for the privilege one Hundred Dollars - But after re-  
 maining there a few weeks he was dismissed for mis-  
 conduct - The terms on which Dr. W. is appointed are  
 the same as those on which Dr. R. is admitted into  
 the Hospital - We hope that this will meet the  
 approbation of the Truce. Com. & Board, as it is  
 considered a very important situation for a Stu-  
 dent in Med. - in some respects more so than the  
 Hospital, as there are <sup>many</sup> ~~greater~~ more patients, &  
 a greater variety of cases, tho' not so pleasant  
 a place to reside in - There are at present  
 between three & four Hundred patients under  
 medical care, & in the winter there are usually  
 many more - We cannot help considering it, & it  
 this considered by our friends here, as a kind in-  
 terposition of divine providence in our favor  
 that we are appointed to stations so well cal-  
 culated to advance ~~us~~ in the knowledge & practice  
 of medicine - Situations too ~~we~~ almost any student  
 in Med. & many graduates who are just entering  
 on the practice of Physic & surgery are anxious  
 to obtain; especially for so short a term, & to those  
 stations to ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> are appointed, as I believe they  
 never, except in case of death or resignation,  
 elect a student into the A. House for a shorter  
 period than 3 1/2 years, ( & then require a salary of One  
 Hundred Dollars,) & for five years into the Hospital

The persons to whom we are more partic-  
 ularly indebted for these stations; & whom we have  
 no doubt the Truce. Com. & the Board will remem-  
 ber, are Dr. Dorsy for that of the Hospital, &  
 Doctors James & Chapman Professors of the Med. Inst.